

she or he is inspired with a sense of adventure and a desire to discover the joy of flying that the WASP sought and achieved. Therefore, I again congratulate Pennsylvania's eight WASP and WASP nationwide. I wish you all the best as you continue to share your patriotism and courage with your family, friends, and communities.●

COMMENDING WISCONSIN NATIONAL GUARD UNIT

● Mr. KOHL. Mr. President, I proudly rise today to recognize the achievements of the members of 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry, part of Wisconsin's 32nd Infantry Brigade, for its selection as the top battalion in the Army National Guard of the United States. Mr. President, 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry has been selected as the winner of the Walter T. Kerwin Jr. Award for Readiness and Training for 2009. The award is given annually to the Army National Guard unit found to have the highest deployment readiness in the Nation, and I am pleased that the men and women of this Eau Claire-based unit were found to have standards of training and maintenance that exceeded the standards for deployment.

The U.S. Army has selected 2009 to be the "Year of the NCO" to pay tribute to the day-to-day leadership qualities of the noncommissioned officers charged with executing the training and maintenance that make their units function. In the spirit of the "Year of the NCO," I would like to pay a special tribute to the NCOs of 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry, as their leadership helped make it possible for the unit to achieve the standards that earned them this award.

I had the honor of attending the February send-off ceremony prior to the unit's deployment to Iraq. I consider myself privileged to have attended the ceremony where the State of Wisconsin and the soldiers' families paid tribute to the State's largest National Guard deployment since World War II. The soldiers of 1st Battalion, 128th Infantry spent nearly years training for their mission, and the high standards established during that preparation are now nationally recognized. I applaud the service of the members of the brigade, and I wish them success in their mission to help stabilize Iraq and look forward to their return home next year.●

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message from the President of the United States was communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGE REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate a message from the President of the United States submitting a nomination which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

(The nomination received today is printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS
SIGNED

Under the authority of the order of August 5, 2009, the Acting President pro tempore (Mr. REID) reported that he had signed the following enrolled bills and joint resolutions:

H.R. 774. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 46-02 21st Street in Long Island City, New York, as the "Geraldine Ferraro Post Office Building".

H.R. 987. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 601 8th Street in Freedom, Pennsylvania, as the "John Scott Challis, Jr. Post Office".

H.R. 1271. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2351 West Atlantic Boulevard in Pompano Beach, Florida, as the "Elijah Pat Larkins Post Office Building".

H.R. 1275. An act to direct the exchange of certain land in Grand, San Juan, and Uintah Counties, Utah, and for other purposes.

H.R. 1397. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 41 Purdy Avenue in Rye, New York, as the "Caroline O'Day Post Office Building".

H.R. 2090. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 431 State Street in Ogdensburg, New York, as the "Frederic Remington Post Office Building".

H.R. 2162. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 123 11th Avenue South in Nampa, Idaho, as the "Herbert A Littleton Postal Station".

H.R. 2325. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1300 Matamoros Street in Laredo, Texas, as the "Laredo Veterans Post Office".

H.R. 2422. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2300 Scenic Drive in Georgetown, Texas, as the "Kile G. West Post Office Building".

H.R. 2470. An act to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 19190 Cochran Boulevard FRNT in Port Charlotte, Florida, as the "Lieutenant Commander Roy H. Boehm Post Office Building".

H.R. 2938. An act to extend the deadline for commencement of construction of a hydroelectric project.

S.J. Res. 19. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

H.J. Res. 44. Joint resolution recognizing the service, sacrifice, honor, and professionalism of the Noncommissioned Officers of the United States Army.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1035. An act to amend the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental and Native American Public Policy Act of 1992 to honor the legacy of Stewart L. Udall, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2093. An act to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act relating to

beach monitoring, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

H.R. 2913. An act to designate the United States courthouse located at 301 Simonton Street in Key West, Florida, as the "Sidney M. Aronovitz United States Courthouse"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

ENROLLED JOINT RESOLUTION PRESENTED

The Secretary of the Senate reported that on today, August 7, 2009, she had presented to the President of the United States the following enrolled joint resolution:

S.J. Res. 19. Joint resolution granting the consent and approval of Congress to amendments made by the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Regulation Compact.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. REED:

S. 1646. A bill to keep Americans working by strengthening and expanding short-time compensation programs that provide employers with an alternative to layoffs; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SCHUMER, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEVIN, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. KERRY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. BURRIS, and Mr. FRANKEN):

S. 1647. A bill to provide for additional emergency unemployment compensation, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 1648. A bill to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to replace the Federal Election Commission with the Federal Election Administration, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mrs. GILLIBRAND (for herself, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. KERRY, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. LUGAR, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mr. LAUTENBERG, and Mr. BEGICH):

S. Res. 251. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate that the Government of Afghanistan, with the support of the international community, should fulfill its obligations to ensure that women fully participate as candidates and voters in the August 20, 2009, presidential and provincial council elections in Afghanistan; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. REID (for himself and Mr. MCCONNELL):

S. Res. 252. A resolution authorizing the taking of a photograph in the Chamber in the United States Senate; considered and agreed to.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 144

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from New Mexico (Mr. UDALL) was added as a cosponsor of S. 144, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to remove cell phones from listed property under section 280F.

S. 245

At the request of Mr. KOHL, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. LAUTENBERG) was added as a cosponsor of S. 245, a bill to expand, train, and support all sectors of the health care workforce to care for the growing population of older individuals in the United States.

S. 435

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 435, a bill to provide for evidence-based and promising practices related to juvenile delinquency and criminal street gang activity prevention and intervention to help build individual, family, and community strength and resiliency to ensure that youth lead productive, safe, health, gang-free, and law-abiding lives.

S. 588

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Connecticut (Mr. DODD) was added as a cosponsor of S. 588, a bill to amend title 46, United States Code, to establish requirements to ensure the security and safety of passengers and crew on cruise vessels, and for other purposes.

S. 628

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 628, a bill to provide incentives to physicians to practice in rural and medically underserved communities.

S. 686

At the request of Ms. MIKULSKI, the name of the Senator from New York (Mrs. GILLIBRAND) was added as a cosponsor of S. 686, a bill to establish the Social Work Reinvestment Commission to advise Congress and the Secretary of Health and Human Services on policy issues associated with the profession of social work, to authorize the Secretary to make grants to support recruitment for, and retention, research, and reinvestment in, the profession, and for other purposes.

S. 690

At the request of Mr. CARDIN, the name of the Senator from Illinois (Mr. BURRIS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 690, a bill to amend the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act to reauthorize the Act.

S. 694

At the request of Mr. SPECTER, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 694, a bill to provide assistance to Best Buddies to support the expansion and development of mentoring programs, and for other purposes.

S. 818

At the request of Mr. BINGAMAN, the name of the Senator from New Jersey

(Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 818, a bill to reauthorize the Enhancing Education Through Technology Act of 2001, and for other purposes.

S. 841

At the request of Mr. KERRY, the name of the Senator from Kansas (Mr. BROWNBACK) was added as a cosponsor of S. 841, a bill to direct the Secretary of Transportation to study and establish a motor vehicle safety standard that provides for a means of alerting blind and other pedestrians of motor vehicle operation.

S. 883

At the request of Mr. THUNE, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 883, a bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in recognition and celebration of the establishment of the Medal of Honor in 1861, America's highest award for valor in action against an enemy force which can be bestowed upon an individual serving in the Armed Services of the United States, to honor the American military men and women who have been recipients of the Medal of Honor, and to promote awareness of what the Medal of Honor represents and how ordinary Americans, through courage, sacrifice, selfless service and patriotism, can challenge fate and change the course of history.

S. 1002

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Michigan (Ms. STABENOW) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1002, a bill to provide for the acquisition, construction, renovation, and improvement of child care facilities, and for other purposes.

S. 1051

At the request of Mr. CASEY, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1051, a bill to establish the Centennial Historic District in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

S. 1052

At the request of Mr. CONRAD, the name of the Senator from North Dakota (Mr. DORGAN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1052, a bill to amend the small, rural school achievement program and the rural and low-income school program under part B of title VI of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

S. 1156

At the request of Mr. HARKIN, the name of the Senator from Arkansas (Mrs. LINCOLN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1156, a bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to reauthorize and improve the safe routes to school program.

S. 1244

At the request of Mr. MERKLEY, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1244, a bill to amend the Civil Rights Act of 1964 to protect breastfeeding by new mothers, to provide for a perform-

ance standard for breast pumps, and to provide tax incentives to encourage breastfeeding.

S. 1282

At the request of Mr. BROWNBACK, the name of the Senator from Alabama (Mr. SESSIONS) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1282, a bill to establish a Commission on Congressional Budgetary Accountability and Review of Federal Agencies.

S. 1401

At the request of Mr. MARTINEZ, the name of the Senator from Oklahoma (Mr. COBURN) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1401, a bill to provide for the award of a gold medal on behalf of Congress to Arnold Palmer in recognition of his service to the Nation in promoting excellence and good sportsmanship in golf.

S. 1422

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1422, a bill to amend the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 to clarify the eligibility requirements with respect to airline flight crews.

S. 1516

At the request of Mr. FEINGOLD, the name of the Senator from Pennsylvania (Mr. SPECTER) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1516, a bill to secure the Federal voting rights of persons who have been released from incarceration.

S. 1569

At the request of Ms. STABENOW, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1569, a bill to expand our Nation's Advanced Practice Registered Nurse workforce.

S. 1611

At the request of Mr. JOHANNIS, his name was added as a cosponsor of S. 1611, a bill to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions.

S. 1634

At the request of Mr. ROCKEFELLER, the name of the Senator from Alaska (Mr. BEGICH) was added as a cosponsor of S. 1634, a bill to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to protect and improve the benefits provided to dual eligible individuals under the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

S.J. RES. 16

At the request of Mr. GRASSLEY, his name was added as a cosponsor of S.J. Res. 16, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to parental rights.

S. RES. 247

At the request of Mr. WHITEHOUSE, the name of the Senator from New York (Mr. SCHUMER) was added as a cosponsor of S. Res. 247, a resolution designating September 26, 2009, as "National Estuaries Day".

STATEMENTS ON INTRODUCED BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

By Mr. REED: